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Action Item

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Ref: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECTS**
RESOLUTION TFP-06-08

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve this allocation request.

ISSUE:

Attached is a Vote List for six Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) project allocation requests to “reallocate” \$12,456,000 in previously allocated TCRP funds for the projects identified.

BACKGROUND:

On September 28, 2000, the Commission adopted the TCRP Guidelines (Guidelines) under Resolution G-00-23. Section 3.3 of the Guidelines outline states allocated TCRP funds be available for expenditure and reimbursement for up to five years after the date of the allocation.

TCRP funding is derived from Proposition 42. However, this funding was partially suspended in FY 2003-04 and fully suspended in FY 2004-05 in response to the fiscal crisis experienced by the State at that time. In response to the future availability of TCRP funds being in doubt, both applicant and implementing agencies decelerated the expenditure rate of some projects and/or in some cases suspended all activities pending future funds becoming available. In FY 2005-06, Proposition 42 funds were restored and projects are once again proceeding.

Initial allocations of TCRP funds were made beginning in September 2000. The unspent portions of those early allocations started to expire in September 2005. Projects ready to continue are at risk of further delays and incurring higher costs if these expiring allocations are not reallocated.

The following are six projects ready to proceed and will continue to need the remaining balance of previously allocated TCRP funds otherwise set to expire at the end of April 2006:

- \$33,000 – Project #9.2 – Capitol Corridor; Emeryville Station Track and platform improvement.
- \$1,904,000 – Project #62 – Route 91; add HOV lanes through downtown Riverside, Adams Street to Route 60/215 junction.
- \$5,610,000 – Project #78 – East Village Access; improve access to light rail from new in-town East Village development in San Diego County.
- \$163,000 – Project #84 – Route 52; build four miles of new six-lane freeway to Santee, Mission George to Route 67 in San Diego County.
- \$4,402,000 – Project #86 – Route 905; build new six-lane freeway on Otay Mesa, Route 805 to Mexico Port of Entry in San Diego County.
- \$344,000 – Project #98 – Peach Avenue; widen to four-lane arterial in Fresno County.

Approval of this reallocation request extends the availability of the TCRP funds, allowing the six TCRP projects identified above to continue to expend funds beyond the current five-year time limit.

Justification:

TCRP #9.2

The remaining \$33,000 is to be transferred to Project #9.4 – Capitol Corridor; Oakland to San Jose intercity track improvements for Construction in order to provide a deliverable segment.

TCRP #62

Due to extensive community impacts regarding potential right-of-way acquisition in the downtown Riverside area, a Value Analysis study was conducted to develop alternatives to minimize impacts. In addition, the project limits were extended. PA&ED is near completion and it is anticipated that the Environmental Document will be approved by FHWA in June 2006.

TCRP #78

The delay in utilizing the TCRP funds is that, due to the uncertainty in the TCRP program over the past few years, contracts originally planned for TCRP funds were instead budgeted with more secure sources of funds. The last piece of this project, City College, is now ready for construction. The contract was advertised and bids have been opened. A protest has been filed by the second lowest bidder, which is delaying the award. The current schedule now calls for completion of this contract by February 2007, but the protest could push completion to Spring 2007. The TCRP expenditure deadline is December 2006. Completion of this contract will fully expend all remaining TCRP funds.

TCRP #84

Though right-of-way acquisition has been completed, a number of water and sewer utility relocations are still underway. The City of Santee is administering the utility relocation through Coop agreement with the Department and the work is anticipated to be complete by October 2006.

TCRP #86

TCRP funds are being used as a State match to purchase the necessary Right of Way, with twelve parcels involving TCRP funds in the condemnation process. Though the TCRP funds have been committed in offers, not all the offers have been accepted. The funds must remain in reserve until all transactions are finalized and the condemnation process completed.

TCRP #98

The project was initially suspended early 2003 in response to the State's fiscal crisis as it seemed that there was no opportunity for project completion due to both the uncertainty of future TCRP funding and limited Agency funds available. Based on the projection of future TCRP funding being available, the project has been reinitiated.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved That:

The project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation amendment.

Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission's policy for allocating, monitoring, and auditing TCRP projects, and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Fund Transfer Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.

Attachment

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2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Implementing Agency District-County	BREF # and Project Description Description of Allocation	Item # Program Code	Total Allocation Amount
2.6e.(1) Traffic Congestion Relief Program Re-Allocations		Resolution TFP-06-08	
1 \$33,000 Capitol Corridors Joint Powers Authority 04 – Regional	Project #9.2 – Capitol Corridor; Emeryville Station Track and platform improvement. Provide added capacity and improved operational benefits for freight and passenger trans to bypass passenger trains into and out of the Emeryville Station. Re-allocate \$33,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Plans, Specifications, and Estimates.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 30.20.710.010	\$33,000
2 \$1,904,000 Riverside County Transportation Commission 08 – Riverside	Project #62 – Route 91; add HOV lanes through downtown Riverside, Adams Street to Route 60/215 junction. Widen roadway and re-stripe entire corridor for HOV lane in each direction to increase freeway capacity to reduce congestion and improve traffic operations in the City of Riverside. Re-allocate \$1,904,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Project Approval and Environmental Documentation.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.10.710.870	\$1,904,000
3 \$5,610,000 Metropolitan Transit System 11 – San Diego	Project #78 – East Village Access; improve access to light rail from new in-town East Village development in San Diego County. Construct station platform improvements; double tracking; passenger amenities; track realignment, and landscape work at and between four existing light rail stations in downtown San Diego. Re-allocate \$5,610,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Construction.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 30.10.710.010	\$5,610,000
4 \$163,000 California Department of Transportation 11 – San Diego	Project #84 – Route 52; build four miles of new six-lane freeway to Santee, Mission George to Route 67 in San Diego County. Construct a six-lane freeway with a median that will allow for future HOV lanes. The new Route 52, connecting from Route 125 to Route 67, will reduce congestion on Interstate 8. Re-allocate \$163,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Right of Way.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.10.710.870	\$163,000
5 \$4,402,000 California Department of Transportation 11 – San Diego	Project #86 – Route 905; build new six-lane freeway on Otay Mesa, Route 805 to Mexico Port of Entry in San Diego County. Construct a six-lane freeway from I-805 to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry parallel to and roughly 1300 feet to the south of existing Otay Mesa Road, and include grade separated local access interchanges and a freeway-to-freeway interchange with SR-125. Re-allocate \$4,402,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Right of Way.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.10.710.870	\$4,402,000
6 \$344,000 City of Fresno 06 – Fresno	Project #98 – Peach Avenue; widen to four-lane arterial in Fresno County. Widen Peach Avenue to four lanes between Belmont and Butler Avenues (approximately 2 miles). Re-allocate \$344,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for Project Approval and Environmental Documentation and Plans, Specifications, and Estimates.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 20.30.710.876	\$344,000